

artsnews

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Leaner and Greener

It's no secret that the economy is still in quite a bit of trouble. And so like everyone else (both inside and outside of city government), we are trying our best to trim our budget. One solution for us is to cut a few pages from this publication – from 12 pages down to eight. And instead of publishing four times a year, we will now publish three. Naturally we preferred the larger size and more space to tell you about all our news, but the reduction does present a legitimate savings for us and allows us to keep the publication free. So, we hope you will understand.

That's the leaner part. The "greener" part is that simultaneously, we will be expanding our Web site information and accessibility. You can sign up on the city's web site to get all your Cultural Arts Office information sent directly to your computer: go to www.carlsbadca.gov and click on "Subscription Service" in the left-hand column.

Finally, since we're talking about money and budgets here... we want to send our thanks to the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts (CFA), the independent, 501-c-3 non-profit group dedicated to supporting the programs and activities of the Arts Office. They are major supporters of the TGIF

Jazz concerts, our Three-Part-Art education program for Carlsbad youth, Family Open Studios, Cannon Art Gallery opening receptions, and much more. Clearly we could not do as much for the community without their generous support.

And so if you enjoy receiving this publication and are not currently a CFA member, we encourage you to join now. Your \$25 membership is an investment in the cultural health and vitality of this great community. "Be a Part of Art." Call 434-2920 and ask for a membership application or fill out the form on page 7 and mail it back in with your check – today. Thanks.



(Left) The Carlsbad Friends of the Arts sponsor the opening receptions for each new exhibition at the William D. Cannon Art Gallery, and (right) organize and conduct the Opportunity Drawings at TGIF Jazz in the Parks concerts, where they raise funds that go right back into helping to fund next year's concerts!

Celebrating twenty-four years of (great)

Nobody does it better! Once again, the lineup at TGIF is a fabulous combination of favorite, famous and not-yet-familiar bands representing a musical exploration of the roots and branches of the jazz genre. You'll find old friends whose dynamic performances have won a faithful Carlsbad following as well as newer acts who've made a real impact in recent seasons. And the debuts include a couple of groups that achieved not just national prominence but legendary stature in the era that redefined American music forever. Our producer Rob Hagey always amazes, but 2009 may be his best yet. Concerts are 6 - 8pm. Check our web page for all the information you will need on directions, parking, shuttle buses, what to bring (and not bring), and much more: www.carlsbadca.gov/arts

June 19 Stagecoach Park **Canned Heat debut**

You read it right. Woodstock headliners, '60s blues revival groundbreakers – the band that married country blues with rock 'n roll. We're "Going Up The Country" once again.

June 26 Stagecoach Park **Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas debut**

If you haven't heard what's happening in zydeco lately, here's your chance! The accordion-driven dance music of this Creole band from South Louisiana is infectious and uplifting. It's new music – that stays true to its history.

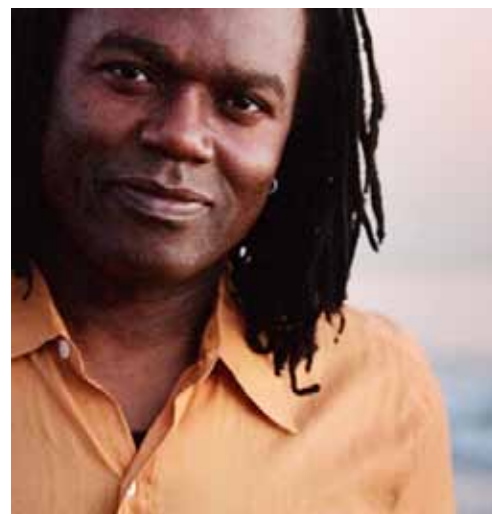
July 3 Stagecoach Park **Big Time Operator 11th appearance**

Tradition-true and yet completely contemporary, the swingin' players in Big Time Operator have a look, a feel, and a totally contagious enthusiasm that's hard to beat and impossible to ignore... Entertainers Extraordinaire!

July 10 Stagecoach Park **Bill Magee Blues Band** **9th appearance**

Every time Bill performs it sounds like he invented the blues – a lot of Mississippi, a little Kansas City, some Chicago, some NYC. Very tasty, HUGE fave at TGIF, righteously called "San Diego's Hardest Working Blues Band."

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Clockwise from top left
Canned Heat
Big Time Operator
Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca
Bill Magee Blues Band
Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas

music in Carlsbad

July 17 Poinsettia Park Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca 3rd appearance

At Ricardo's Carlsbad concerts, it's hard to decide what's more important, the singing or the dancing. His voice is vibrant and melodious, and whether kicking out a Cuban jam or taking afro-pop to the bridge, Lemvo and Loca will get you listening...and probably dancing.

July 24 Poinsettia Park Lowrider Band debut

The Cisco Kid, Why Can't We Be Friends, Low Rider... You remember these guys, just not under this name. The funkier jam band in the galaxy is on a mission to stake their rightful claim as the indisputable authorities of their top hits.

July 31 Poinsettia Park Roddie Romero & the Hub City All-Stars 2nd appearance

The '08 TGIF audience picked up on it right away – a rich gumbo of heartfelt Louisiana rhythm and soul, supreme musicianship right out of Cajun country. It'll be "bon temps encore" at Poinsettia.

August 7 Calavera Hills Park The Screamin' Primas debut

This eight-piece tribute band is no pale imitation, capturing the energy, emotion and excitement of Prima's late 1950s Las Vegas Night Club show via live recreations performed in the original Louis Prima style.

August 14 Calavera Hills Park Tinsley Ellis debut

Hard-rocking, blues-soaked guitarist/vocalist/song-writer Tinsley Ellis sings and plays with the energy and soul of all the great Southern musicians who have come before him. *Atlanta Magazine* declared Ellis "the most significant blues artist to emerge from Atlanta since Blind Willie McTell."

August 21 Calavera Hills Park Coco Montoya 2nd appearance

Over his 30-year career, guitarist and vocalist Coco Montoya's explosive guitar playing and soul-driven voice have propelled him to the upper reaches of the blues-rock world. TGIF's crowd went wild in 2006 and Coco's return promises more unforgettable fret fireworks to close out the 24th season.



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Roddie Romero &
the Hub City All-Stars
Tinsley Ellis
Coco Montoya
The Screamin' Primas



Exhibitions

At the Cannon

On Your Own Time: National Arts Program at Carlsbad

May 22 - June 13

Special Opening Reception

Thursday, May 21, 5 to 7 pm

The fifth National Arts Program exhibition and art contest is co-sponsored by the City of Carlsbad and the National Arts Program Foundation of Malvern, Pennsylvania. Participants are City of Carlsbad employees and their relatives. You'll be amazed to see the wide variety and high caliber of work in this unique exhibition, from finger paintings made by toddlers to photographs and paintings made by a couple of "ringers." Always a delightful exhibition!

2009 Cannon Invitational

June 28 - August 16

Held in the alternating year to the Juried Exhibitions, the Cannon Art Gallery's Invitational was conceived in order to showcase a select few of the Biennial's artists, to get to know their work in greater depth. This fourth Invitational exhibition will feature the work of four artists – Joseph Bennett, David Fobes, Tara Smith and Duke Windsor – selected by Curator Karen McGuire from the 2009 Juried Biennial Exhibition roster.

San Diego artist **Joseph Bennett** finds inspiration in the works of Joseph Cornell and George Hermes in his mixed-media assemblages. Architect and artist **David Fobes** utilizes a variety of textures and multi-hued duct tape to create canvases with flat planes of color. Carlsbad artist **Tara Smith** creates large-scale abstract canvases, and San Diego painter **Duke Windsor** paints urban scenes of city streets and alleyways.

Moving Points: Contemporary Drawing in Southern California

August 30 - November 1

With so much recent attention focused on digital media, photography and video, this exhibition bucks the trend a bit – and aims to examine the diverse range of formal and thematic concerns by artists who continue to make work by hand. The exhibition is not intended to define a regional style, but rather, to suggest different areas of investigation within the long established artistic medium of drawing. What unifies these artists is a critical interest in the continued possibilities of drawing as they make reference not only to traditional styles and media but also to current theory and our contemporary world. Artists include Adam Belt, Joseph Biel, Adonna Khare, Tom Morgan, Iana Quesnell, William Riley, Ernest Silva, and Pat Warner.

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Clockwise from top left: Duke Windsor's *Emerald Alley* from the 2009 Cannon Invitational; Pat Warner's *Grasses* in *Moving Points*; Olivia Stires next to her award-winning artwork from the 2007 *On Your Own Time* exhibition; Danielle Schwartz next to her award-winning work from the same exhibition; and Tara Smith's watercolor, *Animal*, from the 2009 Cannon Invitational

Summer Fun!

Family Open Studios

Saturday, May 30 and

Saturday, July 25

11am - 2pm • Free

Courtyard of the Carlsbad City Library complex

Family Open Studios is a hands-on art-making event designed for all ages! First, you'll tour the exhibition in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery. Then, an artist/educator will set you up with a specially designed art project related to the exhibition. Finally, you get to take your completed work of art home. All materials and workspace are provided. No reservations required and stay as long as you like!

Family Open Studios – Plus

Saturday, May 30

Performances at 11:30am and 1pm, Free
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium

Another great Family Open Studios PLUS program takes place on May 30 when the Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre presents its new production of *Stellaluna*, written and designed by Emily Alexander. The show complements the hands-on puppet-making activities of the F-O-S program taking place in the Courtyard that same day. This production was adapted from the book *Stellaluna*, written and illustrated by Carlsbad's very own Janell Cannon, who will be on-site for a book signing. This program made possible by the Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation's Robert H. Gartner Cultural Endowment Fund.

2009 Summer Arts Camps

The Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office summer camps offers children ages seven to twelve a unique opportunity to explore their interests in art, music, theatre, dance, and nature too. For more information about our Summer Arts Camp programs, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/arts or call the Cultural Arts Office at (760) 434-2920. Please note, deadline for camp registration is June 26 – so don't delay! See if there's a summer arts camp programs that suits your child (or maybe even a grandchild)!

Art At Jazz

Don't forget – Art At Jazz, our hands-on art-making projects for our younger TGIF Jazz in the Park audience members, takes place at the last concert at each park site. Artist/educators and many talented volunteers will guide participants as they create works of art in a planned activity. All supplies are provided. 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Free.

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July 31 Poinsettia Park
August 21 Calavera Hills Park

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What's going on....

Dido and Aeneas

La Jolla Renaissance Singers
Sunday, May 31 • 2pm
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium
Carlsbad City Library complex
1775 Dove Lane

England's oldest opera, Henry Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, is considered a monumental work in baroque opera, its music most frequently described as "gorgeous." Written in 1689, it tells of the love affair between the Queen of Carthage and the Trojan warrior who must leave her to found the Roman Empire. The Cultural Arts Office is hosting a costumed, concert version of this rarely performed gem. The 25-member La Jolla Renaissance Singers will perform *Dido and Aeneas* with harpsichord accompaniment.

Since 1964, the La Jolla Renaissance Singers (formerly the UCSD Madrigal Singers) have been bringing the finest of early European choral music to the San Diego area. Based in La Jolla, the elite choir draws members from across the county. The group performs a cappella vocal music written from the Middle Ages through the Renaissance, in period costume. Conductor William H. C. Propp, Professor of Ancient History and Judaic Studies at UCSD and director of the Singers since 2001, is an accomplished pianist and bassoonist whose informative commentaries enliven the group's appearances.

This program is made possible in part by the Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation's Robert H. Gartner Cultural Endowment Fund.



La Jolla Renaissance Singers

2010 Community Arts Grants

Looking for an opportunity to bring an arts project to life? To introduce your students to vibrant, talented artists in your own classroom? To increase your organization's cultural services to Carlsbad? Then keep your eye out for the 2010 Community Arts Grants application forms. They'll be showing up in the library information racks and online at the City website in mid-August. You can even call us in advance to request a copy by mail.

The Community Arts Grants program is designed to help strengthen local arts organizations while providing cultural and artistic opportunities for Carlsbad residents. The program has \$25,000 to award to Carlsbad organizations, schools and artists for cultural activities taking place in Carlsbad in 2010. Individual artists should have partnership projects involving Carlsbad groups in mind before applying. Grantees in 2009 provided theatre and music performances and visual arts workshops for Carlsbad residents to participate in or attend, as well as a wide variety of school-based arts activities for students. The deadline to submit applications will be Monday, October 26th.

New applicants are encouraged to attend a workshop and learn how to present successful proposals. A free workshop on the Community Arts Grants application process will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 4:30-6:30 pm, in the Gowland Meeting Room, Carlsbad City Library complex, 1775 Dove Lane. For more information about the grants program, contact the Community Arts Coordinator at 434-2900 or colleen.finnegan@carlsbadca.gov. For on-line applications and guidelines, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/arts



2009 Community Arts Grant recipient New Village Arts

New Public Art Installation

Have you noticed some construction work going on lately near the Arts Office and the Cole Library? It's all in preparation for a new installation of public art, to be completed sometime in June. Actually, the "installation" has multiple components. First, we sent *Contemplation*, the elegant bronze seated figure in front of Cole Library done by T. J. Dixon, on vacation for a week (actually, she had a conservation treatment), and she's coming back looking more beautiful than ever. Next, a colorful, three-part work by the artist Benbow Bullock, entitled *Marmalade Butterfly*, has been in storage for quite some time, but we'll be putting that work back out on display for the public to enjoy. Look for it in front of Cole as well, along the stretch of grass on the south side of the parking lot. Finally, two delightful works by the internationally renowned Italo Scanga will be installed in front of the Cultural Arts Office. The works were donated to the City's Public Art Collection by the Italo Scanga Foundation, in memory of the artist who passed away in 2001.

We hope that these newly installed works, combined with Fritzie Urquhart's ongoing and quite wonderful exhibition in the Sculpture Garden behind the Arts Office, will become a "destination" for you – a place to see and enjoy some exciting and diverse sculptural works of art right here in Carlsbad.



Contemplation, by T. J. Dixon, in front of Cole Library

Getting Ready for TGIF

It's late spring... which means it's getting close to "showtime" – not only for the ten bands coming to play at the TGIF Jazz concerts this summer, but for the Friends of the Arts as well. Because as everyone who has been to a concert knows, the Friends organize and conduct an Opportunity Drawing during the evening's intermission. The Drawings not only offer GREAT prizes, they also help the Friends raise money – which they put right back into underwriting the costs of the concerts!!

There's still some time if you'd like to contribute prizes! Just call us at (760) 434-2921.

And, there's still time to sign up to volunteer at the TGIF Jazz concerts. Because as the audiences get larger (and they have!!), the Friends need more volunteers to work on the various jobs. If you don't want to sell tickets in the crowd (alongside Bill, Eva, Sherm, Alan, Diane, Jean, Sue, Tom and the others), we can find something else for you to do – there are all sorts of jobs! You can sell tee shirts, or tear tickets, or sign up new CFA members... It's great fun, and the TGIF volunteer crew is absolutely the BEST bunch of people!! Call the Friends at (760) 434-2903 and leave a message.

No Time Like the Present to GET INVOLVED

One last reminder to those of you who are not Friends of the Arts yet. It's "time." Please join the Friends today. Help make sure the arts continue to thrive and enrich all our lives here in our great community.

Fill out the form and return it with your check made out to Carlsbad Friends of the Arts **today.**

..... **Enclosed is \$25 for a new annual membership.**

Return this form with your check to:
Carlsbad Friends of the Arts
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008-1989

Thanks!

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Useful Information

The Cultural Arts Office and the Sculpture Garden are located at 2955 Elmwood, just a few steps north of the Cole Library.

Mailing address: 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Phone: (760) 434-2920
Office hours: Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm

The William D. Cannon Art Gallery and the Schulman Auditorium are located in the Carlsbad City Library complex at 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011

Gallery hours:
Tuesday - Saturday 11am - 5pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm
Phone: (760) 602-2021

For up-to-date information about Arts Office programs, call the Arts Info Line: (760) 434-2904 or check us out on the City's website: www.carlsbadca.gov/arts

Save the Date

Carlsbad Music Festival concerts
September 25 - 27, 2009
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium

Adventurous local music lovers and some of the nation's most acclaimed music critics have been discovering this Carlsbad gem for the past five years. Alan Rich, longtime reviewer for *LA Weekly*, Mark Swed, the *LA Times* premiere music writer, and Fred Cohn of the national monthly magazine *Chamber Music*, have all written about the Carlsbad Music Festival in glowing terms within the past year.

So find out what these critics are raving about! This is the best in contemporary, classical music – adventurous, challenging, beautiful at times and edgy at others, very hip, always exciting... The Cultural Arts Office is a proud, co-presenter of the Festival – and would we steer you wrong?

For 2009, the Calder Quartet returns, plus a very special, but still secret guest artist. With

several auxiliary events and educational programs planned throughout the city, the Festival culminates in concerts and audience/artist receptions Friday through Sunday in the Schulman Auditorium. The Carlsbad Music Festival is made possible in part by the Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation's Robert H. Gartner Cultural Endowment Fund.

More info www.carlsbadmusicfestival.com



We may have cut 4 pages, but we would never cut Ruby!